

Evening Telegraph

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THE WAR IN FRANCE.

It is much easier to begin a war, and even to win brilliant victories, than to terminate an angry conflict by an advantageous and permanent treaty of peace. In our own contest the American people were repeatedly disappointed, through a succession of years, in the expectation that this or that movement would precipitate a decisive conflict. And unhappy France, in spite of all her defeats and humiliations, still stubbornly postpones a final surrender. While she has lost the power to face her foes in the field, she seems to have acquired the negative military virtue of not knowing when she is beaten, or of at least not acknowledging the force of the most terrible martial logic. With starvation staring in the face of Paris, the gay capital still prefers scant and revolting fare to submission to the invaders. The Germans, in turn, in spite of their immense military superiority, apparently lack the power to bombard Paris, and they are compelled to wait the slow but sure action of famine, and to submit to all the dangers and inconveniences of a protracted siege. Recent events have demonstrated that neither the army in Paris nor the Army of the Loire, nor both combined, can show a pathway through the German forces. They have also indicated that the invaders are strong enough to sally forth in various directions, to menace either the French seaports or the temporary capital, while Paris is held as in the grip of a vice. But still passive resistance is maintained even though France fails to do anything positively to rid herself of the invaders. The most probable result is that Paris will soon yield from the same causes which proved potential at Metz, and the Germans will strenuously endeavor to derive every possible advantage from her enforced capitulation, as it is plausibly conjectured that they will compel the Parisian branch of the Provisional Government to consent to territorial concessions as the price of the respite from starvation of the people under their immediate control.

We said months ago that the only true way to bring order out of chaos in France was to establish legitimate authority by the election of a Constituent Assembly, and the necessity of holding such elections is now becoming very apparent to the French people. If they fully empower a body of representatives to speak and act for them, they will be able to make the best terms of peace that are possible under present circumstances, or, if they are determined not to yield to adverse fate, to infuse increased energy into their military operations.

THE PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT. This question of a Paid Fire Department was settled yesterday, so far as Councils are concerned, by the passage of the bill in the Common branch, by a vote of 35 yeas to 12 nays, and the signature of the Mayor is now alone wanting to make it a law, and to make the Volunteer Fire Department a thing of the past. The bill now in the hands of the Mayor is in its essential features a good one, although the most ardent advocates of a Paid Fire Department do not pretend that it is perfect. The great point now is to get a paid department established and to put an end finally and forever to all further controversy on the subject. If the bill passed by Councils is found by practical experience to have any weak points it will be comparatively easy to remedy them hereafter, but none of the objections as yet urged against it have been of sufficient moment to demand very serious consideration; and the principal opposition to it has been on the part of the volunteer firemen, politicians who desire to make use of them, and a few old fogies who make it a rule to protest against any changes in the ancient order of things, no matter how much difference there may be between the necessities of the city-to-day and those of the Revolutionary era. Leaving the question of efficiency out of consideration, the creation of a Paid Fire Department is the only method by which the abuses of the volunteer system can possibly be remedied, and it is demanded imperatively as a check on outlaws, and for the protection of the city.

An impression has been created that Mayor Fox intends to veto the bill passed yesterday, for political reasons. We do not believe that the Mayor has ever seriously entertained any such idea, and there is no doubt that he will comply with the wishes of a large majority of his fellow-citizens of all parties by signing the bill promptly. Mayor Fox is a public-spirited citizen, and although he makes a mistake in connecting himself with such a Heaven-forsaken organization as the Democratic party, he has given repeated evidences of his desire to advance the best interests of the city. The Mayor knows as well as any one that the Volunteer Fire Department has become an unbearable nuisance, and we have too much confidence in his good sense and his honest desire to serve the public to the best of his ability, to believe that he has any intention of aiding to prolong its existence. It would be an act of folly for the Mayor to veto the bill, for a Paid Fire Department will inevitably be created, and a veto would in all probability have the effect of inducing the Legislature to take the matter up, which would certainly be more damaging than beneficial to the Mayor's future political prospects.

THE REPUBLICAN RULES.—The committee of fifteen which was ordered by the convention for revising the rules of the Republican party has been announced at last. Mr. Ruddiman, the president of the convention, took his time to it, and did not favor the public with the list of the committee until some very peculiar motives which influenced him had "exhausted" their force. After such an almost interminable delay, the advocates of party reform had the right to expect a

committee made up of persons entirely unobjectionable; but their expectations have not been fully realized. Yet some sort of a committee is better than no committee at all, and Mr. Ruddiman's committee is a great deal better than it might have been. We trust that the gentlemen named by him will go to work at once, and with a sincere desire to devise a scheme of party organization that will be a decided improvement upon the present one. A radical reform is needed, and a half-way reform will be no better than no attempt at reform at all.

HON. D. T. JEWETT, who has been appointed by Governor McClurg to succeed Mr. Drake as Senator from Missouri, is a St. Louis lawyer, about sixty-five years of age, and a personal friend of the outgoing Senator. A few days ago it was reported that Mr. Jewett, if appointed to the vacancy, would vote for whatever his predecessor favored. This may be all proper according to the Drake school of statesmanship, but most people would think that Drake should be content to preside over the Court of Claims and refrain from dictating the course of his successor in the Senate.

MONTMEDI, the capitulation of which is announced in last night's cable telegrams, is a small fortified town on the river Chiers, twenty-five miles north of Verdun, in the Department of Meuse. It was defended by a wall and extensive out-works, and has made a stubborn resistance. The Germans have been besieging it ever since the battle of Sedan.

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